



Meeting minutes

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30 November 2015

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Subject
Executive Board meeting

Present
Amman, Van den Boom (acting president), De Jong, Schmidt (student assessor), Lange, Du Perron, Van Velzen, Crijnen (minutes)

1. Minutes of the Executive Board meeting of 23 November 2015

The minutes were adopted with some amendments to the text.

2. Announcements

- *Campus development progress report:* Following the discussion of the progress report on the UvA-AUAS Campus development (July–September 2015) at the last Executive Board meeting, a supplementary memorandum has now been drawn up which concisely describes the current status. Lange was asked to clarify a number of points in the memo, after which it will be added as a cover memorandum to the meeting documents for the UvA and AUAS Supervisory Boards in December.
- *Draft Social Plan for the Amsterdam Institute for Lifelong Learning in Education (CNA):* De Jong explained that, based in part on the request of the AUAS's Central Representative Advisory Council (CMR), the same principles will be applied to the Social Plan relating to the CNA reorganisation arising from the winding up of the jointly owned general partnership (VOF) (50/50 partnership between the UvA and the AUAS) as the principles underlying the Social Plan relating to the reorganisation in connection with the Transition to the new support staff structure at the AUAS. A meeting will be held with the unions to discuss the plan today; if they agree, a negotiation agreement will be drafted which the unions will submit to their members. The Executive Board agreed to submit the current plan to the unions.
- *Research priority area funding:* Van den Boom stated that based in part on the advice of the University Research Committee (UOC), the decision was taken to accept the QuSoft and Complex Human Systems Lab proposals requesting financing from the funds earmarked for the research priority areas by granting a long-term contribution. Against this background, she requested that the Executive Board discuss the financing system for funding the research priority areas once again.
- *Refugee students* Van den Boom stated that she had picked up signals that refugees in crisis centres (without refugee status) are being granted admission to education, where this is not permitted by law. She asked Zieck to draw up an internal policy on this issue. Zieck was also asked to find out to what extent terms of employment funds could potentially be used to finance employment programmes for refugee students. In the same context, Van den Boom requested Zieck to prepare a proposal for diploma recognition for refugee students;

the Executive Board would like to assign central responsibility for implementing diploma recognition to Student Services.

3. Reform agenda

- *Democratisation and Decentralisation Committee*: Du Perron stated that the Democratisation and Decentralisation Committee can start work since the Central Works Council (COR) has now approved the committee's composition and action plan. To facilitate the committee in the appropriate manner, a facilitation decision must be adopted by the Executive Board in consultation with the committee. However, the Executive Board would first like the committee to submit a total budget; Du Perron will follow up on this. Van Velzen also stated that she and Du Perron are talking to the committee about support.
- *Finance and Accommodation Committee*: Du Perron reported that the Finance and Accommodation Committee will present the results of its preliminary study on 4 December. Incidentally, the committee has not yet provided a total budget; Du Perron will urge the committee to do so.
- *AIAS*: Du Perron stated that a presentation will be held on the study carried out by the UvA Amsterdam Institute for Advanced Labour Studies (AIAS) on flexible employment contracts at the UvA. The date is 9 December and the venue is the hall of the Maagdenhuis.

4. UvA-AUAS Information Strategy 2015–2020

The Executive Board took note of the UvA-AUAS Information Strategy 2015–2020 with interest. The topic of IV governance was discussed at length. In the eyes of the Executive Board members, the link between the ICT platforms and education and research is still inadequate. The Executive Board proposed that the UvA University Committee on Education (UCO) and the AUAS Education Council be requested to formulate an education-related ICT agenda for the next six years (Strategic Planning period) on the basis of the Information Strategy. Voorbraak will be asked to join one of the next meetings of both advisory committees to explain the Information Strategy in further detail. It is important to provide an overview of current ICT projects, which must be taken into consideration when formulating the ICT agenda. In response to whether an education-related ICT agenda should also be formulated for operational management, Amman stated that an agenda has already been drawn up within the framework of the operational managers' consultation. It is key, however, to synchronise both long-term agendas (education and operational management) and weigh the pros and cons of both against the other. Until that time the Information Strategy will be pursued; when the ICT agendas have been finalised, they must again be placed on the Executive Board agenda for discussion together with the Information Strategy.

5. Management meetings

- a. *Draft meeting documents, periodic executive consultations, FdR / FNWI / FMG / FEB*: The Executive Board remarked that it disagrees with FdR's arguments with regard to temporary staff, as stated in the summary of the Q3 reporting. There were no further remarks about the meeting documents.
- b. *Draft minutes, VSNU General Board, 30 October 2015*: There were no remarks about the draft minutes.
- c. *Draft minutes, UvA Central Executive Council, 19 November 2015*: There were no remarks about the draft minutes.
- d. *Draft meeting documents, PO BC / ICTS / FS / AC, 7 and 8 December 2015*: There were no remarks about the meeting documents.
- e. *Agenda, VSNU General Board, 4 December 2015*: There were no remarks about the agenda.
- f. *Draft agenda, UvA Central Executive Council, 17 December 2015*: The draft agenda was discussed and amended.
- g. *Meeting documents, joint meeting of the UvA, AUAS and VU Executive Boards, 3 December 2015*: There were no remarks about the meeting documents.

6. Areas of concern and action lists

- a. *Timetable, Executive Board meetings.* There were no remarks concerning the timetable.
- b. *Schedule, representative advisory bodies:* There were no remarks concerning the schedule.
- c. *Timetable, Supervisory Boards UvA-AUAS:* There were no remarks concerning the timetable.
- d. *Areas of concern:* There were no remarks about the list of areas of concern.

7. Any other business

- Van Velzen was asked to send Swartjes (director of Facility Services) an overview containing the specifications of the layout for the quiet spaces. Lange will forward the proposals received.
- Schmidt enquired as to what extent the question from the National Student Union (LSVb) will be answered asking for insight into the universities' pre-investments and planned investments using the funds released when the student loan system is implemented. Van Velzen will follow up on this.
Amman added that the VSNU has also asked for an overview of the universities' pre-investments. He stated that he was unable to provide any further clarification on the matter at present. Matters must first be coordinated internally with the UCO and other parties.
- If requested, Van den Boom will forward Amman the agreements made by Gunning on the T.M.C. Asser Institute.
- Amman stated that the Energy Research Centre of the Netherlands (ECN) has decided against establishing a centre in Matrix VII at Amsterdam Science Park.
- Lange stated that the Executive Board members' expense claims for the first six months of 2015 will be published on the UvA and AUAS websites today.
- In connection with back-to-back meetings, the meeting of the UvA and AUAS Supervisory Boards on 18 December will be transferred to the Maagdenhuis, and the presentation to be held by the dean of the School of Education will be re-scheduled to the next meeting.
- De Jong informed the meeting that he had been asked to join the task force for the Top Sector Life Sciences & Health.

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